

Gorda Island, forty miles north of Sombrero Island, and forty miles east of St. Thomas. The circulating pump that supplies the boilers with water buckled and the engines had to be stopped. Until the pump was repaired there was no way of getting an stamp with which to move up the ship.

The last night of the meeting the Marquesas were west of the coral reefs. There was brilliant sunshine and a half gale out of the west. The scant spread of sail that was raised could not hold headway and when the wind dropped the vessel foundered helplessly in the

Long Before Anchors Hold.

Two anchors were dropped, one forward and one aft. They ran out to the full reach of their cables, but could not grip the coral that seemed only a few fathoms below the water line.

Capt. Kirby never left the bridge for the thirty-six hours that the steamship drifted, and the tackle of the small boats was cleared for any emergency that might arise.

After drifting eighty miles at the rate of six miles an hour one of the anchors made fast in a reef. It lost its hold, however, and the ship foundered, until finally, at the end of thirty hours, both anchors caught in White Horse Reef, within a few miles of a line of breakers that marked certain disaster.

The helpless boat pulled heavily at the anchors and the wind would have swept her down upon Haneen Reef, the high breaker-hidden coral, about had her given way.

Meanwhile Chief Engineer John Sherriff, with his entire staff, had toiled desperately without food or sleep in an effort to repair the crippled pump. He finally succeeded in patching it up so that it was possible to get up a low head of speed and proceed slowly.

Made Only Two Knots an Hour.

Capt. Kirby, aware of his course in the hope of saving some port, steered like a man as the chief engineer had neglected to provide himself with duplicate parts for the pump. Through the man discharged is a Sicilian. He vowed vengeance and wrote a couple of threatening letters.

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Thinks Himself a Hoodoo.

Michael Barrett, a wealthy Irishman of Dublin, one of the owners of the cargo ship, the "Ponce," which sank to the bottom of the sea. Since he left the "Emerald Isle" he has been in five accidents. He was on the "Orion" when she collided with the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, and was involved in a railroad accident in England and running around in a Channel steamer.

When Capt. Kirby was informed of the accident he said that the "Ponce" had suffered the belief that she had lost a propeller and had been blown off her course. In the thirty years he has sailed in the West Indies he has never seen a derelict, though he was always supplied with hydrographic charts marking their positions when sighted by other vessels.

CONVICT GOT ANOTHER MAN TO TAKE PLACE

Pete Walked Out of Court
and Friend Went to
Tombs Instead.

Warden Flynn, of the Tombs Prison, found this afternoon that the authorities had been made the victim of a clever substitution of prisoners, and that Joseph Pete, of No. 49 East 16th street, who is scheduled for sentence next Tuesday, is missing.

Pete was arrested two weeks ago on two charges, highway robbery and carrying concealed weapons. He was tried yesterday on the latter charge, found guilty, and remanded to the Tombs to await sentence. Soon afterward the Grand Jury presented its report to the court, failing to indict Pete on the robbery charge for lack of evidence. The prisoner was summoned to court and discharged.

Pete disappeared in a hurry, and the Tombs keepers did not discover for some time that he was still wanted for sentence on another charge. Detectives were hunted out for the missing man. They went to a resort on One Hundred and Eighth street and First avenue, one of Pete's haunts, and served a warrant on a man who said he was Pete.

When the prisoner was brought to the Tombs one of the keepers and the detective who had tracked him up the wrong man. The prisoner then broke down and confessed that he was James Curcio, No. 46 Franklin street, and that he had impersonated the missing man. He said he had been told the man's name that would come to him would be a \$1 fine. The Grand Jury will be called upon to investigate the case.

ACCUSED OF INFANTICIDE.

Annie Shapiro, a servant, up on a serious charge.

Annie Shapiro, young servant girl, was arraigned in the West Side Court to-day charged with killing her newborn child. The child was found smothered in ashes in the New York Infantry Armory, Sixty-first street and Amsterdam avenue, on Dec. 23. The girl has been in Roosevelt Hospital.

On the morning of Dec. 23 the asylum officials telephoned the police that they had found the body of a child, 10 lb., wrapped in a shawl on the top floor. Policemen took the shawl to the hospital where the Shapiro girl hiding in a corner, seriously ill.

She had kept her condition a secret and had lied to the police when she said the child was born. She was alone when the baby came.

Pete says the girl confessed that the child was her own, born dead.

SPEEDER HAD GOOD EXCUSE.

A. H. Richardson, Vice-President of the Erie Railroad, to-day obtained the release of his chauffeur, Albert Reine Meyer, in the West Side Court. Reine Meyer was arrested for spilling last night on Broadway at Ninety-second street. His wife was ill, said Mr. Richardson. "She had just come in on a train and we were hurrying her to my home at No. 220 Riverside drive."

"Discharged," said Magistrate Whit-

\$500 REWARD OFFERED FOR KIDNAPPED BOY

Police Looking for Barber
Discharged by Lad's
Father Week Ago.

Antonio Statta, the broker in barber shop, has offered a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the recovery of his son, Salvatore, missing since Wednesday night. The reward was offered against the advice of the police because the mother of the missing boy is dangerously ill, and Statta fears she will not recover unless favorable news is soon received.

Detective-Sergeant Petrosini and Capt. Byrne, of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, started to work this afternoon on what they believe is a promising clue. A few weeks ago Statta discharged a barber employed in a shop he owns in Harlem. The man discharged is a Sicilian. He vowed vengeance and wrote a couple of threatening letters.

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Kept Back Information.

A report that the boy was seen on the "L" railroad at Third avenue and Twenty-eighth street yesterday lacks confirmation. The police believe that Statta has a good idea as to the whereabouts of the child. Petrosini is certain that he is withholding important information.

"If we could lock up the whole outfit," he said, "as they do in the old country, we would get more and better results." Mr. Statta came to me yesterday, and I asked him to tell me all about this case and the persons he suspected. Did he do it? I don't know. I am afraid there is much more to tell, and I am utterly at sea.

Mr. Statta is a Sicilian. He has had business dealings with hundreds of his countrymen, and all of them have not been the most pleasant. Now I ought to be made acquainted with every fact, even the most insignificant, that would point to any enemy he might have."

Trouble with Relatives.

It is stated that Statta and some of his relatives have not been on good terms for some time. After the kidnapping the father of the stolen boy is said to have called a family council to consider whether or not it would be wise to open negotiations with the kidnappers and seek to beat them down in their price and buy the boy alive. This council did not come to anything, for it is said the lawyer employed by the father put his foot down on the whole proceeding.

A year and half ago Statta, who is an insurance agent as well as a broker in barber shops, sold a little shop to an uptown Italian. Not long after the trade the shop was burned and the insurance company refused to pay the loss. Statta was agent for this company. Soon after the fire he received a letter unsigned which read:

"If you don't have your company pay to us, then we know what will happen to you."

He says he does not know who wrote the letter, as he paid no attention to it at the time.

The letter, the father of the lad received piece of the kidnapping read:

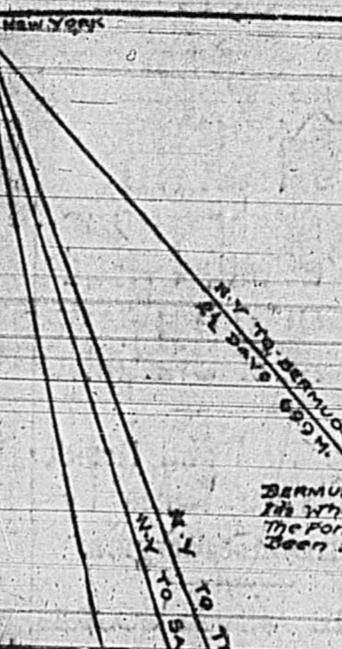
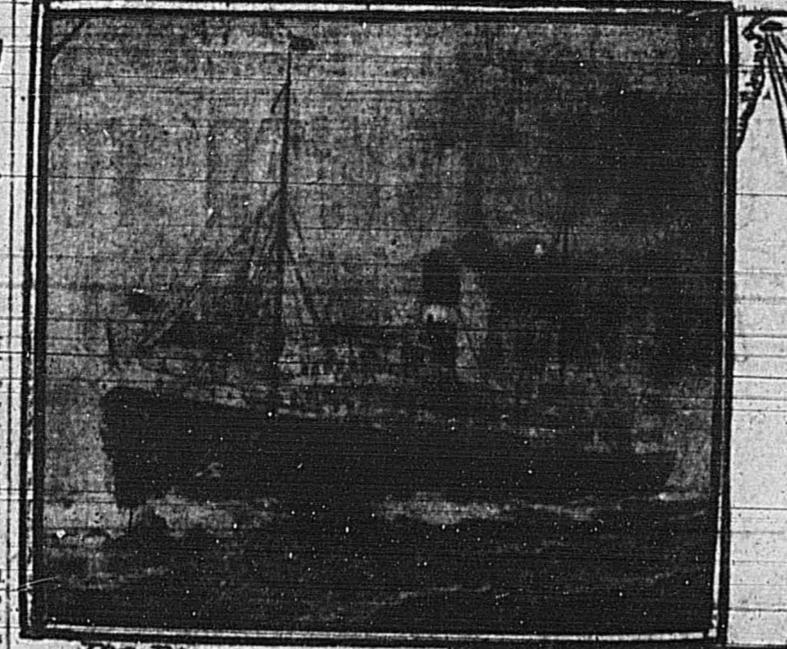
"Don't be frightened. Your boy is in our hands. Send us \$100,000 and we will release him. If not, we will kill him. Seek advice of your friends. The letter was signed "M. N." which is thought to mean "No" now, or in English, "I am not."

The father of the kidnapped boy said to-day that it would be easy for any one to find him.

"My child died a flight of stairs two months ago," said the father. "He has a bad scar on his nose, which can be seen at a distance."

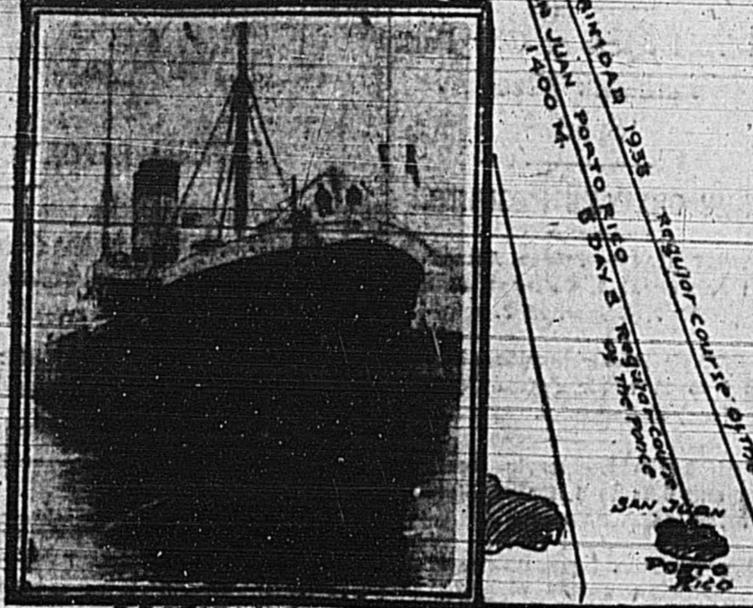
BELDEN WILL CASE ENDED BY VERDICT

Steamship Safe at Bermuda, and Maracas Arrives Here--Their Two Skippers



OLD EGGS FELL LIKE HAIL ON STAGE CARUSO

Monkey House Episode
Aroused the Enmity of
Uptown Italians.



MILLIONS ADDED TO PENSION ROLL BY SENATE ACT

McCumber's Service Bill
Goes Through, Mexican
Veterans Added.

A site has been selected for the new County Court House. It will cover the three square blocks extending from Fourteenth street on the south to Seventeenth street on the north and from Fourth avenue on the west to Irving place on the east. The front will face Fourth avenue and overlook Union Square and Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets between Fourth avenue and Irving place will be closed.

The site was chosen by the County Court-House Board named in June, 1906. Many sections of the city were advocated the most desirable sites, finally narrowing down to four. These, besides the one selected, were between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets, and Madison and Fourth avenues, Mulberry Street and Washington Square.

Among the advantages claimed for the site chosen are its location mid-way between the east and west sides of the city, its proximity to all subway routes and to the elevated road, where the bulk of the lawyers' offices are situated. The ground covered by the site measures 100 by 100 feet, or 10,000 square feet.

Advantages estimated is that if the bill becomes a law it will increase the pension expenditures of the county to the extent of about \$1,000,000 annually.

Some of the buildings now on the site are: The Union Square Hotel, at Union Square and Fifteenth street; the Hotel Hoffman, which has been known as the Hotel Hoffman and is now the Hotel Irving Place, Theatre, Casino, factory and offices of the Steinway piano manufacturers; the old Plaza, once run by Jilly McGlory; the old Hotel American Building, the Manhattan Apartments, on East Fifteenth street, and the Hotel Westminster.

Magistrate Smith, in the Long Island City Police Court, to-day, discovered that the man who had chosen the site for the new court house had been disposing of cases in a manner not in any way regular.

He started an investigation and there probably will be proceedings before the Grand Jury in the near future.

Among the principals arraigned in the early trial was Marion Local, accused of stabbing John Landis in the neck on Oct. 1 and almost killing him. Landis got out of the hospital last week and appeared in court to prosecute Local on Monday, at which time the case was continuing until an adjournment.

Local was an extremely chesty prisoner when he was taken into court. His first act was to discharge his lawyer, Benjamin Lyman.

"I don't need you," Local told the lawyer. "I'll fix it. I'll be buried alone."

Lyman told the magistrate. When Local was arraigned there was no complaint. One of the court attaches informed Magistrate Smith that he had heard somebody say that somebody was

hurting him. Lyman did not want to prosecute Local, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and coat and got ready to leave.

"Send a policeman for the man," Lyman said. "Laudino was on hand in a few minutes. He had been found at his home, No. 179 Vernon avenue.

"I'm not going to come to you," he explained to Magistrate Smith. An Italian policeman called at my house last night and told me if I appeared in court I would be arrested for perjury and sent to prison.

Further investigation appeared to establish that the man who called on Laudino was the Italian thought to be a policeman's uniform. A man whose position about the court might give him a chance to get off with a uniform.

Local was sent to the District Attorney's office and an effort will be made to secure his indictment. He has been questioned and assured him that he will be turned over.

He was arraigned before Justice Leopold James, 127, Court, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212nd, 213rd, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st,